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THE BATTLE OF MONTEBELLO.
DISPATCHES FROM THE FRENCH AND VAUDIN
OFFICIAL REPORT OF GENERAL JULES SAVAGE
MAURICE OF THE FRANCE.

PARIS, May 1, 1859.

The Minister of War has just issued an official report of General Jules S. Maurice's Corps d'Armee, transcribed by Marshal Baryeau (Biller). The report, which relates to the battle of Montebello, is as follows:

MONTEBELLO, May 1.—I have the honor of giving you an account of the battle fought yesterday.

Being informed, at half-past twelve this morning, that a strong force of French artillery, under General Cavaillé, had driven back from Montebello the remaining pickets of the Austrians, I sent orders to General Billeau, up to the front, by the Montebello road, with two battalions of the 5th Chasseurs to re-take the village. The 5th Chasseurs advanced in front of Voyer's, on the Montebello road.

Meanwhile, the rest of my division took up arms, and a battery of artillery (of the 6th) supported it with a strong fire.

Arriving at the bridge thrown across the brook called Poingoux, the extreme limit of our advance, we were compelled to be placed in battery, supported on the right and left by two battalions of the Eighty-fourth.

During this time a noisy sound was heard to be coming from the west, and we were informed that it was coming against us in two columns—one by the high road, and the other by the road leading to the village of Voyer, behind the Eighty-fourth.

The noise increased rapidly over every part along the whole line was caused by a break between the two sharpshooters, and the one who was firing his sharpshooter by the command joining General Gouraud. The artillery was also in action, and was returning its fire.

At the same time a report came in that our forces had been repulsed, and that the Austrians had been beaten.

Arrived at the bridge, we have left Voyer and Tortosa, we have the full details of their barbarous exploit. It would occupy some time to give you a detailed account of their atrocities, but perceiving that I had only one hour to give you an account of the battle, I will only say that they were committed by the deepest dunces and savages, and that the Lancers and Bohemian Infantry were executed by generals and officers. At Voyer itself the battle was fought between the two columns belonging to the Eighty-fourth. The poor colonel who had charge of the column had been wounded.

At this moment Gen. Billeau, told us that the 5th Chasseurs had been repulsed, and others were at Ostos, where they have been so engaged as to injure us, and we sent orders to General Billeau, to take up a strong position at Ostos.

On the arrival of this news, without loss of time, the position of General Billeau, and the position of this battalion, commanded by Col. Cavaillé, was taken by the 5th Chasseurs, admirably led by General Billeau, the Austrians were driven back, and the Eighty-fourth advanced.

The battle of Montebello, in a single hour, was decided in favor of the French.

This victory, however, was not gained without great sacrifice.

General Billeau was severely wounded.

After an obstinate resistance, the Austrians were forced to yield to the vigor of our troops.

General Billeau, who had been wounded in the church, this position was soon secured, and then, at the point of the bayonet, and with a shout of "Vive l'Empereur!" a thousand times repeated.

It was then half past six. I ordered it pursued no further, and had my troops hold the rising ground on which the engagement is situated, commanding them to be on the alert, and General Billeau was severely wounded by a shell.

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